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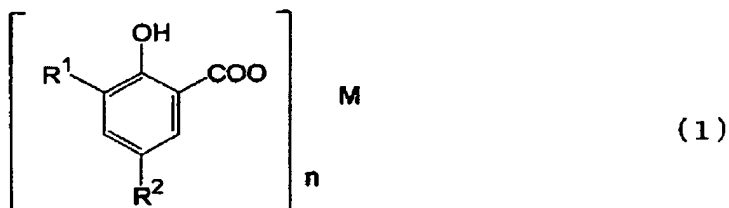
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Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A lubricating oil additive consisting of: ~~obtained by incorporating, into~~ a lubricant base oil, (A) a salicylate detergent and (B) a metal detergent other than any salicylate detergent, wherein the salicylate detergent (A) is a (per) basic salt of an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate represented by the general formula (1):



wherein one of R¹ and R² in the general formula (1) is a hydrocarbon which has 10 to 40 carbon atoms, and the other is a hydrocarbon which has less than 10 carbon atoms, M represents an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal, and n is 1 or 2 in accordance with the valence of the metal,

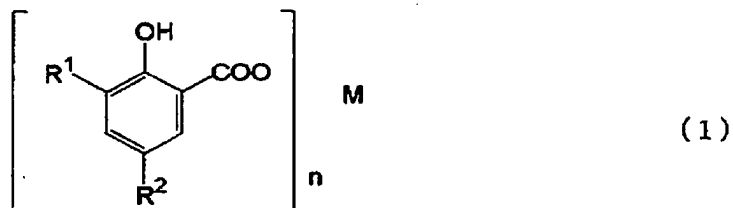
the component (A) has a metal ratio of 2.3 or more and 6 or less, and component (B) is at least one selected from alkali metal or alkaline earth metal sulfonates and (per)basic salts thereof which has a metal ratio of 1 or more and 20 or less.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) A lubricating oil additive consisting of: ~~obtained by incorporating, into~~ a lubricant base oil, (A) a salicylate detergent and (B) a metal detergent other than any salicylate detergent, wherein the salicylate detergent (A) is a (per) basic salt of an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate represented by the general formula (1):

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wherein R¹ and R² in the general formula (1) are each a hydrocarbon group having 10 to 40 carbon carbon atoms, M represents an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal, and n is 1 or 2 in accordance with the valence of the metal,

the component (A) has a metal ratio of 2.3 or more and 6 or less, and component (B) is at least one selected from alkali metal or alkaline earth metal sulfonates and (per)basic salts thereof which has a metal ratio of 1 or more and 20 or less.

4. - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) The lubricating oil additive according to claim 1, wherein one of R¹ and R² in the general formula (1) is a hydrocarbon which has 14 to 18 carbon atoms, and the other is a methyl group.

15. (Currently amended) The lubricating oil additive according to claim [[1]] 3, wherein R¹ and R² in the general formula (1) are each a hydrocarbon which has 14 to 18 carbon atoms.

16. - 18. (cancelled)